Script about Tanks in WWI

Tanks were a very important addition particularly to the Allied Powers in WWI. They were first developed for the sole reason of breaking the deadlock that trench warfare created. They were supposed to break the defenses of the enemy and wreak havoc on their opponents. These were deadly machines and many soldiers truly feared these freak vehicles. Sir William Tritton and Major Walter Gordon Wilson of England were credited with inventing the tank. The production of tanks was first started by the British in 1915, and soon France and America followed suit. The British called the vehicles “tanks” in order to not give away their secret weapons. However, after sending them out into battle, Germany also made some tanks. However, they had to focus on making anti-tank weapons to take down the Allied Powers’ tanks.

Tanks were indeed scary monsters to behold. Due to their steel armor, they could easily penetrate barbed wire that the opposition had set up. The better tanks that were created after the first few were better at navigating obstacles as well, making them pure terror when they entered the enemy trenches. In addition to this, they had machine guns mounted on top of them which helped determine their gender. A 57 mm machine gun specified a male tank, whereas many smaller Vickers or Hotchkiss guns specified a female gender to the tank. There was enough room for eight men in a tank. Four of these people had to manage the tank and steer it. Tanks were very slow creatures, going about four mph, so they went along with infantry to give the enemy something to think about.

As powerful as tanks may have seemed, there were many downsides that blocked out the benefits. For one, tanks could not handle a dead-on hit from enemy artillery and incoming mortar shells. Inside the tanks, the air quality was no better. There were many traces of carbon monoxide, along with vapors of fuel and oil from the engine. Due to this, the internal temperature in tanks could reach up to 122 degrees Fahrenheit. It was even noted that when the members of tanks came out into the fresh air again, they passed out or became very sick.

Overall, tanks were a weapon of mass destruction. The conditions of it were not pleasant to either the side manning it or the opposition. However, they did get their job done and truly decimated their enemies. Everyone feared tanks, even the users. There were so many things that could potentially go wrong in tanks, so they were deemed very unreliable. However, if they were not used, the war would have never reached a conclusion.